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Confessed Spy Seeks to Tell His Story on Television Show

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Oct. 9 (AP)—A former United States Army officer who pleaded guilty last week to espionage charges has asked to appear on national television as a "public service" to describe his dealings with Russian intelligence agents 18 years ago.

In a motion filed yesterday in Federal District Court, an attorney for Joseph G. Helmich asked permission to allow an NBC news crew to interview his client in the Federal Correctional Institution in Tallahassee.

The lawyer, Peter Dearing, said that NBC wanted to interview Mr. Helmich for a documentary on Russian espionage in the United States and Mr. Helmich wanted to participate to try to offset the damage his dealings with Russian agents might have caused the United States.